



The Surprising Tree of Knowledge

I'm Simon Bore just come from College, my study I pursued so far,
I'm called, for my surprising knowledge, the Walking Encyclopedia.
Some perhaps may call me Quiz, their jeers I value not a jot,
But the art of Nature all that is I'll tell you, ayo, and what is not.

CHORUS.

And so then you must acknowledge O, I made good use of college O,
When I was there completely bare I stripped the tree of knowledge O.

Hay is brought to town in a cart, sausages are not made of tin,

They don't feed cows with apple-tarts, nor wear gilt spurs upon their shins,

Bullocks don't wear Hessian boots, the Liffey is not turtle soup,

A child can eat an iron hoop, nor a pig can't play a German flute.

Putty is not good to eat, a frying-pan is not made of gauze,

Penny loaves are made of wheat, and bonnets too are made of straws,

A horse does not wear a pair of hats, fiddles are not made of cheese,

Pigeon pies are not water-rats, boiled salmon never grows on trees.

Twenty turnips make a score; Dutchmen rarely drink champaign

A cow's tail seldom grows before, they don't make wigs of bamboo cane,

Watchmen seldom lie on beds, cabbage cannot dance a jig,

Grass does not grow on ladies heads, bulldogs do not wear big wigs.

Fifty pounds of yellow soap, weighs more than twenty-five of cheese,

An oyster cannot chew a rope, poor people have no right to sneeze;

The German walls are not a hen, Frenchmen are mostly born in France;

A fish is not afraid to swim, and turkeys seldom learn to dance.

Houses are not packing boats, candles are always made of fat;

Cloth would make a big great coat, and poison I'm sure would kill rats,

Dogs are not as big as asses; strawberries do not grow in sea;

Quarts are as large as glasses, and coffee is not congou tea.

